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SUBJ: ESTATE

REF: STATE 206849 AND PREVIOUS

1. CARP LANDLORD, ACCOMPANIED BY LAWYER, CALLED AT CONGEN ON 23 OCTOBER TO CONSULT ON ARRANGEMENTS RE APARTMENT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TO LANDLORD AND ESTATE. ATTITUDE WAS COOPERATIVE AND FRIENDLY.

2. ACCORDING TO LANDLORD, STATUS OF APARTMENT AND ESTATE ARE LEGALLY TECHNICALLY IRREGULAR. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES NOTIFICATION OF DEATH TO POLICE, WHO IN TURN NOTIFY APPROPRIATE LOCAL COURT, WHICH SEALS APARTMENT AND INVENTORIES EFFECTS AS FIRST STEP IN SETTLING ESTATE. INSTEAD, CONGEN, AFTER OBTAINING LANDLORD'S CONCURRENCE, INFORMALLY NOTIFIED POLICE, WHO AGREED WITHOULD FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO COURT TO AVOID SEALING. BOTH LANDLORD AND POLICE AGREED TO THIS ON BASIS CARP'S HIGH LOCAL REPUTATION, LACK OF ALTERNATIVE LIVING QUARTERS FOR MAID WHO WAS IN CARP'S SERVICE FOR 45 YEARS, AND IN EXCEPTION ESTATE WOULD BE RAPIDLY SETTLED.

3. LANDLORD NOW HAS OFFER OF FOUR THOUSAND MONTHLY FOR APARTMENT, BUT DOES NOT WISH TAKE LEGAL ACTION TO CLEAR IT BECAUSE REVALATION OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH LAW COULD EMBARRASS BOTH HIM AND POLICE WHO ACTED AT CONGEN REQUEST. HE IS WILLING CONTINUE PRESENT INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT, WHICH AVOIDS PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL
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COURTS, VIRTUALLY INDEFINITELY AND WITHOUT LEASE IF ESTATE OFFERS

HIM 4000 MONTHLY RENTAL BEGINNING 1 NOV. 1974 (CARP LEASE AT 2500 MONTHLY EXPIRES 31 OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH STRICTLY SPEAKING IT TERMINATED ON HER DEATH). FOUR THOUSAND TL IS REASONABLE AT PRESENT ISTANBUL RENTAL RATES FOR THIS APARTMENT AND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.

4. AS THIS SOLUTION (A) ENDS PRESSURE ON CONGEN AND ESTATE FROM LANDLORD (B) AVOIDS ENTANGLING ESTATE IN LOCAL PROBATE, (C) AVOIDS EMBARRASSMENT TO THOSE WHO STUCK OUT NECKS AT OUR BEHEST, CONGEN STRONGLY RECOMMENDS LARK AGREE TO INCREASED RENT ON MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS AS PROPOSED IN OUR LETTER TO HIM DATED 16 OCTOBER (CC SCA AND EUR/TUR). DEPT. REQUESTED COMMUNICATE THIS RECOMMENDATION TO HIM AND ADVISE. LANDLORD ALSO WRITING LARK DIRECTLY.
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